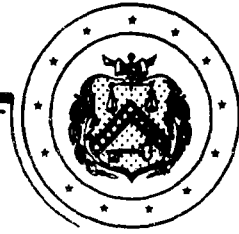


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MINT TO ACCEPT ORDERS FOR 1970 PROOF COIN SETS BEGINNING NOVEMBER 1, 1969

1969 UNCIRCULATED SET ORDERS CUT OFF

Mrs. Mary Brooks, Director of the Mint, announced today that orders for 1970 Proof Coin sets will be accepted by the San Francisco Assay Office beginning November 1, 1969. Acceptance of orders will continue until the Mint's production limit of these sets has been reached.

There will be a limit of five (5) sets per order. The price per set will be \$5.00, including handling and shipment by first class registered mail. Each set will include a 50¢, 25¢, 10¢, 5¢ and 1¢ piece, produced at the San Francisco Assay Office.

The Director also announced that the Assay Office will discontinue the acceptance of orders for 1969 Uncirculated Coin sets when the total reaches two (2) million sets, or on September 30, 1969, whichever occurs first.

In announcing the Mint's policy concerning the production of proof and uncirculated coin sets, Mrs. Brooks pointed out that "the Mint's primary function is the production of adequate coinage for the commerce of our country. After this has been accomplished, consideration will be given to the production of numismatic items for the hobby." She further stated that "the Mint will continue to do all it can for the numismatic hobby, and will make every effort to distribute its limited production of proof and uncirculated coin sets on a fair and equitable basis."

The San Francisco Assay Office will begin mailing the 1970 Proof Coin order cards to the Eastern Seaboard, Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico and all foreign countries, on or about October 15, 1969. The Midwest mail will go out on or about October 16, and the West Coast mail on or about October 17. These cards should be used in placing orders with the Assay Office.

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Recipients should pay close attention to this material which clearly states that "Receipt of any order and payment will not constitute an acceptance of any order. Payments will be deposited for safekeeping pending acceptance of any order or a refund. . . . The Assay Office reserves the right to reduce or cancel any order whether or not it has been acknowledged. The acceptance of orders is conditioned upon the Mint's ability to meet the demand. In the event of a reduction or cancellation by the Mint, appropriate refund will be made. Orders are not subject to cancellation by the purchaser."

Proof coins are produced from special blanks, struck with highly polished dies to assure the mirror-like finish, which identifies these sets. As orders are received, the San Francisco Assay Office will send acknowledgements as promptly as possible. It may be many months, however, before an order can be filled, as these sets will be manufactured and shipped during the entire calendar year 1970.

All orders and correspondence regarding Proof and Uncirculated Coin sets should be directed to the Officer in Charge, United States Assay Office, Numismatic Service, 350 Duboce Avenue, San Francisco, California 94102.